

## **CONFECTIONERY PRODUCT**

### **ABSTRACT**

Hard candy which includes at least one acidic component and which shows improved  
5 transparency is made by forming a liquid starting material comprising at least one sugar  
alcohol which is not a monosaccharide sugar alcohol, water, and the acidic component;  
heating under conditions at which the acidic component does not cause significant hydrolysis  
of the sugar alcohol to dissolve the acidic component in the liquid and remove at least part of  
the water; and cooling to form the hard candy. The product has a transmission of: at least  
10 47.8% at 450nm; and/or at least 50.9% at 550nm; and/or at least 52.3% at 650nm.